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SUBJ: BHUTTO' S REMARKS AT US INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS BY PRESIDENT BHUTTO IN
RETURNING CHARGE' S TOAST AT EMBASSY' S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION
IN ISLAMABAD JULY 4. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.

2. " IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE WITH YOU ON THE AUSPICIOUS
OCCASION TO CELEBRATE THE INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR
GREAT COUNTRY. ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN YEARS IN THE
LIFE OF A NATION IS A SHORT PERIOD AND IN THIS
SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THE UNITED STATES, WITH THE ZEAL AND
DETERMINATION OF ITS PEOPLE, COMING FROM A NEW WORLD HAS FOUND
NEWER WORLDS FOR THE OLD CIVILIZATIONS. YOU HAVE ATTAINED
TECHNOLOGICAL EXCELLENCE, YOU HAVE ACHIEVED GREAT HEIGHTS
IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND HUMANITIES AND TODAY
YOUR GREAT COUNTRY IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT CENTRES OF THE
WORLD.

WE HAVE WATCHED WITH ADMIRATION THE DETERMINATION OF YOUR
PEOPLES TO BUILD PEACE ON A FIRM FOUNDATION. WE HAVE SEEN
YOUR CEASELESS AND TIRELESS EFFORTS SINCE THE END OF
SECOND WORLD WAR TO BRING ABOUT A WHOLESOME DETENTE IN
EUROPE AND IN ASIA. WE ARE HAPPY TO NOTE THAT YOUR EFFORTS
IN THIS DIRECTION HAVE PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. WE HAVE
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WITNESSED IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RECENT PAST WHEN THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN A PROFOUND AND MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON THE ONE HAND AND WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE OTHER. WE HAVE WATCHED WITH ADMIRATION THE GREAT CHANGES THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN EUROPE AND WE SEE THE CONSPICUOUS AND SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES OF DETENTE'S VALUES IN COMPARISON TO THE DISADVANTAGES AND HANDICAPS AND THE POLICY OF CONFRONTATION AND TENSION.

WE HOPE THAT IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD WE CAN EMULATE THE OTHER NATIONS AND ALSO STRIVE TO SEEK DETENTE AND DIALOGUE AND PUT AN END TO CONFRONTATION. BUT HERE IT IS NOT A SIMPLE TASK. IT IS AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND A COMPLEX TASK BECAUSE PERHAPS THIS CONFRONTATION IS THE OLDEST OF THE WORLD. IT IS THE CONFRONTATION OF 1,000 YEARS AND I DOUBT IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND OTHER CONFRONTATIONS SO OLD, SO DEEP-ROOTED, AS THE ONE OF THE SUBCONTINENT.

NEVERTHELESS, INSPIRED BY THE EFFORTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND FIRM IN OUR RESOLVE TO ACHIEVE PEACE WITH JUSTICE, THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND THEIR GOVERNMENT HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE DURABLE PEACE IN THE SUBCONTINENT. I REMEMBER VIVIDLY THE LAST OCCASION WHEN I WAS HERE TO CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY LAST YEAR. I HAD RETURNED FROM SIMLA. NOT MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE WE HAVE HELD THAT CONFERENCE IN SIMLA BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE HAVE NOT ENDEAVOURED TO MAKE PROGRESS.

I CAN ASSURE YOU ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION, ON THIS HAPPY DAY, THAT MY GOVERNMENT AND MY PEOPLE WILL MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO ACHIEVE AN HONOURABLE PEACE AND IN DOING THIS WE HOPE TO CARRY THE PEOPLE WITH US, INSIDE AS WELL AS OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE COOPERATION OF ALL THE PARTIES IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THAT COOPERATION OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. ONLY RECENTLY WE HAVE REPLANTED THE DELICATE PLANT OF DEMOCRACY. WE WANTED IT TO GROW, WE WANT TO NURTURE IT SO THAT IT TAKES DEEP ROOTS. I AM HAPPY TO SEE HERE THIS MORNING A NUMBER OF THE OPPOSITION LEADERS ALONG WITH THE MINISTERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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I WOULD NOW REQUEST YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WISH YOUR PEOPLE EVERLASTING HAPPINESS AND GREATER PROGRESS."

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